



**A Message from the Director, U.S. Census Bureau:**

The U.S. Census Bureau has selected your business to participate in the **2017 Commodity Flow Survey**. This survey is conducted every five years in partnership with the Bureau of Transportation Statistics and provides important statistics about the movement of goods in the United States. The address and reporting period below are the location and time frame for which the Commodity Flow Survey will be requesting information:

**You may report online at <https://econhelp.census.gov/cfs> using the User ID and Password printed on the form.**

**Your response is required by law.** Title 13, United States Code (U.S.C.), Sections 8(b), 131, and 193; and Title 49 U.S.C., Section 6302 authorize this collection. Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 224 and 225, requires your response. Title 13 U.S.C., Section 9 also requires that we keep your answers **strictly confidential**. The information you provide may be seen only by persons sworn to uphold the confidentiality of Census Bureau information and may be used only for statistical purposes. Further, copies retained in your files are immune from legal process. We estimate this survey will take an average of 2.5 hours to complete. On the back of this letter you will find disclosure descriptions regarding Office of Management and Budget number, authority and confidentiality, and burden estimate statement.

If you need assistance completing the survey, visit us online at <https://econhelp.census.gov/cfs>. For further assistance, please call our customer help line at 1-800-772-7851, option "3", Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.

**Thank you** in advance for your time and cooperation, and for helping the U.S. Census Bureau measure America's people, places and our economy. Your response makes a difference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John H. Thompson".

John H. Thompson  
Director  
US Census Bureau

Enclosures

### **OMB Number**

This collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB approval number is 0607-0932 and appears at the upper right of the report form/login screen. Without this approval we could not conduct this survey.

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### **Burden Estimate Statement**

We estimate this survey will take an average of 2.5 hours to complete, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing the reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: ECON Survey Comments 0607-0932, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room EMD-6K064, Washington, DC 20233. You may email comments to [ECON.Survey.Comments@census.gov](mailto:ECON.Survey.Comments@census.gov). Be sure to use ECON Survey Comments 0607-0932 as the subject.